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Cal Poly Open House Concert April 20 To Feature PolyPhonics, Wind and Chamber Orchestras

The Cal Poly Chamber Orchestra, PolyPhonics and the Cal Poly Wind Orchestra will join forces to perform Cal Poly's Open House Concert at 8 p.m. April 20 in Harman Hall in the Christopher Cohan Center.

The Cal Poly Chamber Orchestra, under the baton of Music Professor Clifton Swanson, will perform the first movement from Frédéric Chopin's Piano Concerto in E minor. Pianist and Music Department faculty member William Terrence Spiller will be the featured soloist.

PolyPhonics, with Music Professor Thomas Davies conducting, will perform Stephen Chatman's "There is Sweet Music Here," with Jessica Getman, a recent graduate, on oboe.

The concert will conclude with David Maslanka's Concerto for Alto Saxophone and Wind Orchestra, with soloist Kevin Stewart, saxophone professor at Cal Poly and a member of both the San Francisco Saxophone Quartet and the Nuclear Whales Saxophone Orchestra.

"This extraordinary work was performed at the 10th International Conference of the World Association for Symphonic Bands and Ensembles in Lucerne, Switzerland, last July," said Johnson, who was there. "The work stunned the audience. I have never been part of a 20-minute standing ovation before.

"Open House visitors, as well as local people who love music, will not want to miss Cal Poly's performance of this powerful work," Johnson said.

The Cal Poly Chamber Orchestra is known for its versatility in performing music written for both the large and small orchestra, from baroque to contemporary.

PolyPhonics is a 36-member chamber ensemble that performs a range of musical works, from Renaissance to contemporary. The ensemble tours every year and performs frequently with local instrumental ensembles.

The Cal Poly Wind Orchestra performs music written for the modern wind band. The ensemble, says Johnson, "enjoys a national as well as international reputation for musical excellence." Its just-released CD, "Speech of Angels," is being distributed internationally. The orchestra has performed at national and regional music conferences and has toured Europe and Japan.

Tickets to the Open House Concert cost \$5 to \$15 and can be bought at the Performing Arts Ticket Office 10 a.m.-6 p.m. weekdays and 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturdays. To order by phone, call SLO-ARTS (756-2787); to order by fax, dial 756-6088.

The concert is sponsored by Cal Poly's College of Liberal Arts, Music Department, and Instructionally Related Activities program. For more information, call the Music Department at 756-2406.

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